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Harold:

I just noticed another interesting thing concerning the death of LHO. It's at 3H384(Perry).

When Perry first saw LHO he noted that LHO was "cyanotic", which Perry says means "blue from lack of oxygen". Does that make you wonder what happened to all that oxygen that Bieberdorf ~~was~~ said he pumped into LHO?

I have not checked this yet, since I don't have a medical man handy, but I think it well worth asking questions. This is a symptom of suffocation. Maybe Bieberdorf attached the oxygen cup resuscitator and just ~~was~~ plain old "forgot" to turn on the oxygen.

The damage that LHO suffered does not seem to me to be the sort that would inhibit his breathing, but it was obvious to Perry that LHO lacked oxygen. Perry says he ^{was} "attempting respirations" but was not successful. Apparently, then, LHO was alive when he got to Parkland, so by Bieberdorf's account he was getting oxygen the whole time. But his cyanotic appearance indicates that he ~~was~~ was not getting oxygen.

I don't see how these phenomena mesh. If LHO was getting oxygen, then why was he cyanotic? Maybe there can be another cause for the blueness, but I know this (from other sources) to be a symptom of suffocation. ~~and everything~~

If I get a chance, I'll try to check further; I suggest that you do the same. My medical contacts are not good.

If all this means what I think it means, then there might be little reason to doubt that Bieberdorf murdered LHO by suffocating him. The best they could do to avert ~~xxxxxxx~~ an allegation of murder is to say that B forgot to turn on the oxygen.

Oh, boy!

The clipping on Skolnick is enclosed.

Still,

Dick